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FOR TED HEAVNER

FOLLOWING REPEAT BRIDGETOWN 0972 ACTION SECSTATE DATED MAY 04:

QTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BRIDGETOWN 0972

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: EFIN, PFOR, MILI

SUBJECT: ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT FINANCES

1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD RECENT OCCASION TO TALK WITH ANTIGUAN MINISTER OF FIANCE WHO PROVIDED FOLLOWING GOA BUDGET WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO THE UPCOMING BASE NEGOTIATION (ALL US MILLIONS)

REVENUE EXPENDITURES DEFICIT

1976 17.1 22.8 5.7

1977 (PROJECTED) 17.2 20.8 3.6

2. HARRIS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER ON APRIL 30 THAT HE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING GOA'S POSITION PAPER FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT HAD NOT YET DONE SO.

3. COMMENT: GOA HAS ACHIEVED A MEASURE OF DEBT RESTRUCTURING WITH COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITORS AND THAT PLUS INCREASED REVENUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAVORABLE TOURIST SEASON JUST ENDED HAS ALLOWED A SLOW BUT STEADY REDUCTION OF

AMOUNTS OWED LOCAL SUPPLIERS. ALTHOUGH THIS SUGGESTS THE ANTIGUANS ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS PUTTING THEIR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER, IN REALITY THAT PROCESS HAS JUST BEGAN. WE THEREFORE SEE THE GOA AS ANXIOUS TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL QUICKLY PUMP MONEY INTO THE EXCHEQUER. SIMMS UNQTE VANCE

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